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Mr. Carl DeBloom
Executive Editor
Columbus Dispatch
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Dear Mr. DeBloom:

I have just belatedly seen your editorial of May 14th, "New CIA Director Offers Good Image." I very much appreciate your kind remarks about me and what we are trying to do here at CIA. More than that, I appreciate your giving us a chance to tell it like it is.

It is my objective to make more information about what we do and the products of our analyses available to the media and the public. It is my hope that all members of the Fourth Estate and other citizens of our nation will receive that information and data in the same positive spirit you have shown. I know the American people will be as proud of the outstanding members of the CIA as I am.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

STANSFIELD TURNER

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thank for words like this?
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New CIA Director Offers Good Image

SKULKING in a trenchcoat is not to Adm. Stansfield Turner's liking and for that reason he is the best thing to happen to the Central Intelligence Agency in a long time.

This new director of the CIA has all the needed credentials. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he was a Rhodes Scholar, headed the Naval War College, commanded the U.S. Second Fleet and served as a NATO naval chief.

But his most admirable trait is a desire to give the CIA the image it must have to carry out its mandate to catalogue intelligence vital to the security of this nation.

What Admiral Turner is seeking is the valued confidence of the American people. And he is pursuing that mission in the correct manner.

Unlike his predecessors, he is leveling with the American people without jeopardizing their security.

This new CIA director believes in declassifying information which will be of interest to the public. He correctly contends that excessive classification breeds disrespect for and abuse of all necessarily classified data.

Even so, Admiral Turner has

been displaying remarkable candor concerning the CIA's primary mandate. He doubts the CIA can abandon covert actions in carrying out assignments in this wholly dead-serious world.

And he is cognizant that every CIA officer takes an oath to defend the interests of this country even though this may mean a whole succession of deceptions.

The CIA has erred in the past, particularly with regard to investigations within this country, contrary to its congressional mandate.

It is unfortunate that some congressmen demand that the CIA operate in a goldfish bowl atmosphere. It cannot.

Both congressional and presidential oversight committees have been suggested for the CIA.

President Dwight Eisenhower once had such an advisory group to provide the White House with a broad view of the CIA's effectiveness. But Mr. Eisenhower stipulated the group was to be advisory, not supervisory. The CIA was established to aid the chief executive — and should continue to do so.

Admiral Turner is on the right track in making the CIA the reliable agency it was meant to be.

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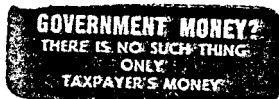
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Admiral Stansfield Turner

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Srd Taylor

10 June 77



EXECUTIVE REGISTRY FILE Pat Affers

SUBJECT: Double Dippers on the Federal payroll.

TO : Congressman George Mahon, Chairman
House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee
House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We strongly endorse and support your move to eliminate dual compensation or double dipping (federal pay plus federal pension) for all newly hired federal employees after 1 Oct 77.

We are not against hiring retired military in federal jobs. We're against paying them double while retired in second-career jobs on the federal payroll. Nobody else is allowed this windfall. We know of no business, company or corporation that retires its executives or employees and then rehires them in full-time, permanent, second-career jobs paying them both a full pension and salary. The stockholders, employees, and union officials would raise hell.

Most importantly, the US Government is an inconsistent employer in this matter. Social Security retirees are limited to an annual \$3,000 a year income ceiling. Civil Service retirees must forfeit their entire pensions if they come back on the federal payroll. Even welfare and food stamp recipients are subject to limited income ceilings. Only the retired professional military are allowed "unlimited" dual compensation. Prior to 1964, a \$10,000 a year (pay plus pension) ceiling was in effect on military retiree "dual compensation". Many are now collecting from \$35,000 to around \$70,000 a year while retired on the federal payroll. By 1982, some may be making over \$100,000 a year. This is an outrageous abuse of taxpayer monies.

The villain in this case is the Dual Compensation Act of 1964. It was passed by a voice vote (nobody knows who voted for it) in a Congress (the 88th) which had about 175 members who held military reserve commissions granted to them by the Pentagon. In this sense, this act was illegally, if not unconstitutionally enacted into law. It involved conflict of interest, self-enrichment and violation of the constitutional doctrine of separation of powers. Some who apparently "voice" voted for it have been or are now "double-dipping" themselves while sitting in Congress.

This act has cost about \$6 billion to date. It is adding about \$1 billion a year to military retirement fund outlays. Significantly, the military retirement fund now has an actuarial deficit or unfunded liability around \$200 billion. To add "double dipping" to this mountain of red ink is an insult to millions of unemployed, overtaxed, un-retired, fixed-income, or poverty level Americans. It is a clear example of Pentagon Fat. As President Carter has said "I think it ought to be eliminated". We fully agree and commend the President for his position. However, we feel that this matter doesn't need to be studied any more. The Defense Manpower Commission of 1973 spent 2 years and several million dollars looking at this problem. Needless to say, nothing happened. The DMC was loaded down with "double dippers". Now we have another Pentagon committee (the Commission on Military Compensation) about to study this matter. This is like asking the foxes to redesign the chicken coop. By the time they get done studying this problem again, about \$2 billion of taxpayers' money will go down the "double dipper" drain. This issue involves a clear cut example of federal pension fund misspending. It's time for Congress to turn off the fiscal spigot. In 1977 alone, the 150,000 double dippers now on the federal payroll will get two pension increases (CPI) plus one pay increase. And this is on top of their dual compensation income!

It's time we faced fiscal reality. We now have about 68 federal pension or retirement systems (excluding Social Security) with a combined actuarial deficit or unfunded liability of over \$550 billion. This is in addition to our growing national debt of \$700 billion. When the Social Security System is added with a \$4.1 trillion actuarial deficit, we are faced with a \$4.65 trillion dollar pyramid of unfunded federal pension liabilities. Most of this pyramid is "double indexed" so as to escalate in costs and deficits each year through automatic annual federal pay and pension increases. To allow "double dipping" on top of all this is the final insult to the already overburdened American taxpayer.

We are now reaching a point where pension outlays are starting to consume the operating budgets of some federal agencies. This is particularly true in the Dept. of Defense with a \$9 billion a year military pension outlay. And because it is indexed, this outlay is increasing by about \$1 billion each year. Who are we kidding? There are not enough taxpayers left in the United States or a large enough tax base to ever pay off or amortize our federal pension liabilities. In actuarial terms, the United States Government is now bankrupt.

Double dipping is only one facet of this problem, but it is a good place to start. We are now paying "double taxes" to support "double dippers" on the federal payroll. In some cases, through revenue sharing money, we are even

supporting double dippers on some State payrolls. As one of 29 million un-retired veterans, I feel that the American Legion and the VFW, for example, should support the elimination of dual compensation on the federal payroll. Why should un-retired veterans pay extra taxes to support retired veterans in plush, well-paid, lifetime federal jobs. I also feel that the federal employee labor unions (AFGE, NFFE, and the Postal Unions) have been asleep on this issue. When you dump 150,000 retired military "double dippers" into second-career federal jobs, it has a direct impact upon the job opportunities, promotions, morale and career advancement of thousands of first-career, Civil Service employees, including young un-retired veterans. Is it possible that AFGE, for example, is so preoccupied with "unionizing" the military that it is neglecting the long term career interests of its own civilian dues-paying members?

Federal employee labor unions should strongly support elimination of the Dual Compensation Act of 1964. It involves special pay/pension privileges (not allowed Civil Service or Social Security retirees), plus abusive spending of federal pension funds, and it permits raiding the Civil Service Retirement Fund by military retirees. This act also generates and subsidizes military "Buddy System" hiring and promotion abuses. Some federal agencies are now loaded down with "clusters" of double dippers - sometimes including their relatives. Loopholes in the American Civil Service System (Unassembled Exams, back-door recruiting, rigged job descriptions and classification gobbledygook) are creating a new bureaucratic "spoils system". With a good ghost-writer, a gorilla could qualify today as a GS-12 "Tree Climbing Specialist". It's time that first-career federal employees got into this fight too. This act is making a farce of equal employment opportunity, merit promotion and competitive selection. Their careers, promotions and even job retention may soon be at stake.

With 177 "double-dipping" Generals or Admirals now on the federal payroll, we also are concerned by the "unwarranted influence" of professional military retirees at policy making levels throughout dozens of key federal agencies.

In summary, as we consider this a key fiscal issue, the NTU respectfully requests that you as Chairman provide us with a tabulation of any roll-call vote, in committee, should there be one. We again commend you and your committee for a step towards fiscal sanity. Keep up the good work. We taxpayers of America support and endorse your move to at least eliminate "future dippers" from the federal payroll.

Taxfully,

10 June 1977



SID TAYLOR
Research Director

(Veteran WWII)

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